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**Senate Testimony: SB0306 – Education – Board of Community College Trustees for
Baltimore County – Membership
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees
Submitted by: Richard A. Scheper, Ph.D., Chair of the Board of Trustees
Community College of Baltimore County
February 10, 2026**

Position: Support

Good afternoon. I am Richard Scheper, proud Chair of the Board of CCBC. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the necessary update to §16-402 of the Education Article governing the Board of Trustees for the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). The expansion of the Baltimore County Council from seven to nine districts requires a statutory adjustment to the structure of the CCBC Board.

Currently CCBC has a 15-member Board composed of one at-large trustee and 14 trustees appointed from “the 7 councilmanic districts in Baltimore County, 2 from each district.” With the transition to nine districts, this formula would result in a 19-member Board unless amended.

On behalf of the Trustees of the CCBC, we ask the Senate to support a more appropriate and effective Board size of **11 trustees**, still providing representation for all Councilmanic Districts.

CCBC already has the largest community college board in Maryland at 15 members—double the statewide default of seven. Increasing to 19 would move CCBC’s Board even further out of alignment with peer institutions and state governance norms. Larger boards are widely recognized as less efficient, more difficult to manage, and contrary to recent state efforts to streamline boards and commissions.

Shifting to one trustee from each of the nine Council districts, plus **two at-large members**, produces an 11-member Board consistent with the structure of other large Maryland jurisdictions, including Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties. This approach offers several advantages: **Improved Functionality, Smooth Transition, Enhanced Representation, and Consistency with State Practices**. To achieve this outcome, we respectfully request that the General Assembly amend the statute as follows:

1. **Reduce the board size** from 15 members to **11 members**.
2. **Increase at-large representation** from one seat to **two seats**.
3. **Update district-based representation** to reflect the nine councilmanic districts, with **one trustee from each district**.
4. **Include enabling language for a phased implementation**, allowing current trustees to serve out their appointed terms as well as a possible 2nd term.

This adjustment is necessary, timely, and fully aligned with statewide governance standards. An 11-member Board will strengthen CCBC's ability to serve more than 50,000 students annually, while ensuring that the Board remains representative, effective, and responsive to the needs of Baltimore County.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing support of Maryland's community colleges.

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Submitted by: Sandra L. Kurtinitis, Ph.D., President
Community College of Baltimore County
February 10, 2026**

Position: Support

Good afternoon. I am Sandra Kurtinitis, the proud president of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the update to §16–402 of the Education Article governing the Board of Trustees for the Community College of Baltimore County. We believe firmly that the expansion of the Baltimore County Council from seven to nine Councilmanic districts will now require a statutory adjustment to the structure of the CCBC Board to ensure future Board productivity.

Although Dr. Richard Scheper, able Chair of our college’s Board of Trustees, has provided testimony necessary to underscore the importance of our request, please allow me to offer a perspective supportive of the proposed change from the college’s point of view.

CCBC already has the largest community college Board of the 16 Maryland community colleges, actually double the statewide default of seven. Unless §16–402 is adjusted to control for size, our Board will swell to 19 members with two Trustees from each of the nine Councilmanic Districts—plus one at large member. While a Board of 15 is manageable, a 19-member Board moves towards distinct oversize.

We are skilled in managing this large college efficiently and well. CCBC is a large multi-campus community college which served 55,000 students last year. Believing that “Everything we do is Workforce Development,” we are proud of our reputation as a strong economic engine for Baltimore County. Every year roughly 13,000 CCBC students complete something important to them and their families: a degree, a certificate, a workforce certification, or transfer.

A college of this size and reputation relies upon a strong Board of Trustees for direction, guidance, and inspiration. In the 21 years of my tenure as CCBC’s president, we have been blessed to have a wise and dedicated Board of Trustees led by talented Board Chairs. We have worked hard to support a Board of 15 members to keep them engaged and informed. In return, we receive the support, direction, and leadership which has helped CCBC reach the stature we hold today.

Therefore, we join our Trustees in appealing to the Legislature to amend the statute to remove the requirement of two trustees per Councilmanic District. We will be proud to work with a newly constituted Board of eleven smart, dedicated trustees. We appreciate the opportunity to address you on this matter and encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen the workings of one of Maryland’s premier community colleges.

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SB306 Education - Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County - Membership

Composition of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) is based on the number of councilmanic districts: it currently consists of two from each district plus one at-large representative, for a total of 15, 50% more than any other state community college board. At fifteen, the Board of Trustees is already the largest in the state. If it were to grow naturally with the council's expansion, it would be 19, moving CCBC's Board even further out of alignment with peer institutions and state governance norms.

The Board of Community College Trustees has a central role to play in the efficiency and effectiveness of the CCBC which served nearly 50,000 students in FY 2025. Leadership, faculty, and staff are essential in empowering students to pursue their educational goals and aspirations.

Shifting to one trustee from each of the nine council districts, plus two at-large members, produces an 11-member Board consistent with the structure of other large Maryland jurisdictions, including Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties. This approach offers several advantages: improved functionality, smooth transition, enhanced representation and consistency with state practices.

SB306 is a necessary response to council expansion, and I urge a favorable report from the committee